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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BIRKETT RAKOW DIANA (Last) (First) (Middle) ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD (Street) SEATTLE WA 98188 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. [ALK] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/11/2018 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) VP EXT RELATIONS 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON STOCK	09/11/2018		M		416 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0	416	D	
COMMON STOCK	09/11/2018		F ⁽³⁾		102 ⁽⁴⁾	D	\$68.97	314	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	\$0	09/11/2018		M		416	09/11/2018 ⁽²⁾	09/11/2027	COMMON STOCK	416	\$0	834	D

Explanation of Responses:

1. RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS CONVERT INTO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE-BASIS.
2. REMAINING RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS WILL VEST AS FOLLOWS: 417 ON 9/11/2019 AND 417 ON 9/11/2020.
3. SHARES FORFEITED TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES UPON VESTING OF STOCK UNITS ON 9/11/2018.
4. PRICE PROVIDED IN COLUMN 4 REPRESENTS THE FMV OF ALK SHARES ON THE DATE SHARES WERE FORFEITED FOR TAXES.

/S/JEANNE E. GAMMON,
ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR
DIANA BIRKETT RAKOW

09/12/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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